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Envoys from the Pan American Health Organization evaluate Aruba as host of Congress on Obesity 2011

Aruba's Minister of Public Health, Sport and Drugs, Dr. Richard Visser, introduced two representatives of the Pan American Health Organization, PAHO, to island media during an informal conference at the government offices on Wednesday afternoon, September 15. Regional Advisor on Nutrition and Physical Activity, Enrique Jacoby and Regional Advisor on Chronic Diseases, Gerardo de Cosio, explained that Aruba may very well be the host of a groundbreaking congress which will welcome experts in the field of nutrition and the social and financial consequences of rampant obesity from every country in the western hemisphere in June of 2011.



Minister Visser with Gerardo de Cosio (left) and Enrique Jacoby (right).

"The congress will feature people who are making a difference" commented Enrique Jacoby, "such as author and

speaker Michael Pollan, who is very influential and prolific on the subject of a healthy diet."

The Congress on Obesity 2011 would take an entirely different direction from any held to date, as it is aimed at confronting the change needed and the creation of a new environment which will hopefully woo future generations away from the disastrous eating habits that are sending obesity and juvenile obesity statistics off the charts.

"Up until now, our regional conferences have only been analyzing the problems," the PAHO executives noted, "this one would be aimed at studying those who have taken drastic steps to implement solutions, the suc-

cess of those solutions and how we can emulate them, and what we can do to educate the public about eating right; or at the very least, create an environment that makes it easier to accept personal responsibility for their health."

Medical services have been warning the public for some time about the long term effects of a diet based on processed food products and the menus of fast food franchises, which increasingly dominate the diet of the western nations, even island nations such as Aruba.

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Hurricane Karl menaces Mexico, Igor eyes Bermuda

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AFP) - A rare trio of hurricanes swirled in the Atlantic basin yesterday, including Karl which menaced Mexico's Gulf coast, and Igor, a monster storm threatening a direct hit on Bermuda.

Karl, the 11th named storm of a season, has already drenched Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and lashed the country's main offshore oil platforms.

It intensified from a tropical storm to a hurricane yesterday over the Gulf of Mexico, and headed for the already flood-hit mainland coast, where it was forecast to make landfall today.

Karl's sustained winds surged to 130 kilometers (80 miles) per hour, and it could approach major hurricane strength before the center reaches the Mexican coast, the US National Hurricane Center

reported in its latest bulletin.

Mexico, already reeling from major flooding this month that left 25 people dead and affected nearly one million more, posted hurricane watches for the country's central Gulf coast.

Up to 15 inches (38 centimeters) of rain in isolated regions could cause life-threatening flash floods and mud slides, the NHC said, warning of a possible storm surge and destructive waves.

Earlier the NHC warned Karl could bring coastal flooding to parts of Belize and northern Guatemala.

The storm did not appear to have washed out any of Mexico's celebrations for the bicentennial of its independence from Spain, on Wednesday and yesterday, but some festivities were already reduced in flooded southeastern areas.

Meanwhile out in the Atlantic, "extremely dangerous" category three Hurricane Igor packed winds of 210 kilometers (130 miles) per hour, generating large swells that could cause dangerous surf from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands up the US East Coast, the NHC said.

But concern lay primarily with Bermuda, where authorities of the British overseas territory were warning of potential devastation if the eye of the storm passes close by as forecast.

"The island can expect tropical storm force winds sometime around midnight Saturday and even worse conditions late Sunday around midnight when the current forecast is for a direct hit. Residents are advised to take the warnings seriously," a spokeswoman for the Emergency Measures Organisation said.

Lined up behind Igor was Julia, a weakening category one hurricane out in the Atlantic with no current threats to land.

Sarkozy hits back as Roma row explodes at summit

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - A row over France's Roma expulsions exploded at an EU summit yesterday as President Nicolas Sarkozy rejected World War II parallels as "outrageous" and vowed to continue clearing "illegal camps."

The Paris-Brussels dispute shattered the agenda of the European Union parley and hung heavy in the air, with Sarkozy lashing out at European justice chief Viviane Reding for her criticism of France.

Reding's insinuation that the return of planeloads of Roma Gypsies to Romania and Bulgaria smacked of World War II scenarios was "a historical shortcut that profoundly hurt the French," Sarkozy said.

"These words were deeply hurtful, my duty as head of state was to defend France."

"All heads of state and government were shocked by the outrageous comments," he said.

Paraguay sees political turmoil over president's cancer

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AFP) - Paraguay's political outlook has become murkier with the news that President Fernando Lugo is being treated for cancer, casting doubts over the promises for change from the country's first leftist head of state.

The 59-year-old former Roman Catholic bishop appears to have been weakened politically as well as physically by lymphatic cancer since the announcement August 6 of his illness.

Analysts say Lugo faces a daunting task as he battles cancer and tries to carry out his reform agenda in the landlocked nation of six million which is seen as having one of the highest levels of inequality in South America.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel agreed, describing the historical parallel as "unfortunate," while British Prime Minister David Cameron said he was "shocked."

Hoping to stem the rift, EU president Herman Van Rompuy called for a "respect" agenda at the summit's official close.

He said there was an EU consensus to ban discrimination based on nationality or ethnicity though member states could take domestic measures "to ensure respect of the law," on condition they were in line with EU legislation.

Though France has come in for a mass of criticism for its



Nicolas Sarkozy

tough line on travellers, Reding's attack infuriated Sarkozy to the snapping point.

She also threatened to drag Paris before the European Court of Justice.

European Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso -- Reding's boss -- reiterated that discrimination against ethnic minorities was "unacceptable."

Despite it all, Sarkozy said French authorities would continue to dismantle "all illegal camps," whoever they belonged to.

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Ministers Mike de Meza (l) and Benny Sevinger (r)

Prime Minister Mike Eman joined with Minister of Integration, Infrastructure and Environment, Oslin “Benny” Sevinger and Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy, Mike de Meza in announcing major renovations and outlay of funds in revitalizing Aruba’s two primary urban areas, Oranjestad and San Nicolas, during a press conference at the government offices on Wednesday afternoon, September 15.

Some of the work on Oranjestad, Phase 1 of the project has already begun, and government agencies are now studying the direction of Phase 2, San Nicolas. Towards that end they have invited stakeholders and the community of San Nicolas to join them in a dialog this coming Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19 in what was formally the DOOV building in San Nicolas.

The weekend congress will welcome 19 students working towards their Masters degrees in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Planning from the University of Pennsylvania, along with professors and experts from the U.S.A. and The Netherlands to study and address the needs of San Nicolas. Aruban government officials feel the input and participation of San Nicolas community leaders, residents and stakeholders is vital to the success of this project and the

realization of a renewed urban area on Aruba’s east end.

Saturday’s conference will open with presentations by the visiting experts while the students impart the findings of various pertinent case studies. They will cover such topics as “Downtown and Family Shopping Districts,” “Neighborhood Improvement and Oceanfront Communities Revived,” “Industrial Landscapes Reimagined” and “Planned Red-Light Districts.”

Sunday, stakeholders are invited to “share their ideas and visions for San Nicolas with the experts, to generate together a plan for a renewed San Nicolas.” Presentations will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, ending at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday’s session will begin at 8:30 a.m. lasting until 5:30 p.m.

Government officials explained the tens of millions of florins needed for the renovations of Aruba’s urban areas will require a Private/Public collaboration combining government funding and financing coming from stakeholders. It is planned to present the results of this weekend’s sessions in a final meeting at the San Nicolas YMCA on Tuesday evening, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. with a question and answer period following. Minister Zevinger expressed he hoped to see concerned community members participate in this dialog and the planning stages.



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Kia Soul 2010, named the Urban Passenger Vehicle, was recently nominated as one of the Top 10 Back-to-School Cars by Kelly Blue Book kbb.com, which is the trusted resource for prices, values and reviews on new cars and used cars. The car received rave reviews for its modern style, spacious interior and many modern technology applications, which adjusts nicely with one's personality.

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The car also won many prizes and praise around the world, including 'Best Family Cars for 2010' by Edmunds.com and Parents Magazine, 'Best Hatchback of 2010' by Cars.com, '2010 Top Cars For Families' by Motherproof.com and, last but not least, the honor of 'Top 10 Coolest New Cars' by Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com

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The congress organizers plan to invite legislators and government agents who have enacted regulations to stop the accessibility to sugary sodas in the school or outlawed TV commercials which brainwash children to demand these unhealthy foodstuffs from their parents. Education needs to start early, and will have to combat a constant media barrage selling products that will produce a generation prone to diabetes at a very young age. Medical and nutrition experts are very concerned about the increasing number of deadly chronic ailments that are manifested because of juvenile obesity, the financial burden to communities in the near future will be crippling, according to the Jacoby and De Cosio.

The seriousness of the situ-

ation is such that PAHO has moved "Obesity" out of the realm of "Chronic Ailments" into a division of its own, allowing the allocation of more funds towards solving the situation and initiation of more strident measures. Minister Visser stated the Congress on Obesity 2011 is part of his National Plan 2009-2018 to see Aruba become a healthier nation during his term in office. "This is not a disease that can be resolved by the Health Care Field," stated Minister Visser. Both Jacoby and De Cosio agree: "It is up to those with influence to initiate a change in the mental environment regarding eating habits and physical exercise to now do their part to initiate change."

by Rosalie Klein

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Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, begins tonight

Aruba's Temple Beth Israel in Oranjestad will conduct Kol Nidre services this evening beginning at 6:30 PM as the island's Jewish community joins others around the world in observing the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement.

On Wednesday, September 8 a ten-day period called Yamim Noraim" - "Days of Awe," which begin with the blowing of the shofar to welcome Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, commenced. The holy days between the beginning of the year 5771 and Yom Kippur are also a period of Aseret Yemei Teshuva; a time of reflection of one's transgressions of the past year and to seek forgiveness with the resolve to make amends and improve one's faults.



Observant Jews will engage in a strict fast for 24 hours and engage in prayer at Sacharit, which the synagogue will conduct on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., with closing services of Mincha Neilah beginning at 5:30 followed by a community breaking of the fast at the shul.

Rabbi Dr. Mario Gurevich will conduct the services over Friday and Saturday. The rabbi delivers a message to his congregation on the holidays on the temple's blog, <http://bethisrael-aruba.blogspot.com>, which also has posted a com-

plete schedule of holiday services and observances; the fee for non-members is \$50.00.

"There is no doubt that the intention is in the first place that we regret the bad things that we could have done in the last year," writes Rabbi Gurevich of Aseret Yemei Teshuva. "It is clear also that the return summons to us and gives us a life model so that repentance has a positive expression and a successful resolution in the existential level and does not simply remain in the self-criticism or self-reproaches."

As the 24 hours of Yom Kippur is of such significance in the Jewish faith, many establishments on Aruba close early on Friday and will remain closed until Monday.

by Rosalie Klein

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Sci-Tech

Facebook competitor Diaspora launches developer release

As promised, open-source Facebook competitor Diaspora launched its developer release Wednesday, making its source code available to the public.

"This is now a community project and development is open to anyone with the technical expertise who shares the vision of a social network that puts users in control," the Diaspora team wrote in a blog post.

The company will now be "improving and solidifying" Diaspora - with the help of the community, they said.

Despite the open-source label, Diaspora said its goal is to create an "intrinsically

more private social network."

"Even the most powerful, granular set of dropdowns and checkboxes will never give people control over where their content is going, let alone give them ownership of their digital self," according to the blog post.

Site creators Daniel Grippi, Maxwell Salzberg, Raphael Sofaer, and Ilya Zhitomirskiy initially described Diaspora as a "distributed network, where totally separate computers connect to each other directly, will let us connect without surrendering our privacy."

Those computers are

known as "seeds," which will be owned by the user - hosted by them directly or on a rented server. That seed will then aggregate information - from Facebook, Twitter, or any other social network.

The founders discussed a social network that will focus on contextual sharing. "We live our real lives in context, speaking from whatever aspect of ourselves that those around us know," they wrote. "Getting the source into the hands of developers is our first experiment in making a simple and functional tool for contextual sharing."

Diaspora posted a few screen shots of the service, which looks very similar to Facebook (above). At this point, you can share status updates and post photos in near real-time via something called "aspects." You can also find people across the Internet regardless of your seed's location.

Diaspora plans an alpha release for October, at which time they hope to include Facebook integration, data portability, and internalization.

"It is by no means bug free or feature complete, but it an important step for putting us, the users, in control," they concluded.

Google's Android eating away at Apple, BlackBerry lead

Google's Android mobile operating system is slowly chipping away at the market share lead of iOS from Apple and BlackBerry from Research In Motion, according to a report from ComScore. The report highlights Android's growth this summer, noting that it was the only platform to increase its market share.

Android recorded an increase of 5 percentage points in market share in July, compared to earlier this year, according to the ComScore report. Meanwhile, Apple lost 1.3 percentage points, RIM went down by 1.8 percentage points and Microsoft lost the largest share of the market with a decline of 2.2 percentage points, the report says.

A Slow, Steady Decline

RIM and Apple are still the top smartphone manufacturers in the United States, according to the report, with 40 percent and 24 percent, respectively. The two companies are losing customers to Android phones, which gained momentum from 12 percent in April to 17 percent in July. ComScore measured 53.4 million smartphone owners in the U.S.

The report doesn't come as a shock. A similar report from Quantcast in early September measuring Web usage from smartphones found that Android's market share increased by 17 percentage points year on year, while Apple lost 11 percentage points, and RIM lost 10 points.

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Health & Living

Doctors remove woman's kidney through her vagina

LYON, France (AFP) – In a medical first, French doctors have removed an obese woman's infected kidney by pulling it through her vagina, limiting the risks of surgery, health authorities in Lyon said on Thursday.

The 117-kilo (260 pound) patient is morbidly obese and lost the use of her kidney to a series of infections, but surgeons thought carrying out surgery through her abdominal fat would present too great a risk.

"The vaginal route allows us to reduce the pain and the risk of complications, as the cut is much smaller," the hospital said in a statement.

The kidney was removed through an incision inside the deepest part of the vagina.

This is not the first time that Lyon doctors have developed an innovative way of removing organs. In February they became the first team in Europe to pull a woman's kidney out of her belly button.

Denis Waitley:

"Time and health are two precious assets that we don't recognize and appreciate until they have been depleted."

Disabled Japanese tourist plans robo-suit adventure



TOKYO (AFP) – A disabled Japanese adventurer says he is planning to leave his wheelchair behind and walk up a medieval French World Heritage site next year with the help of a cutting-edge robotic suit.

Seiji Uchida, 48, who lost the ability to walk in a car accident 27 years ago, said he has long dreamed of visiting the picturesque abbey of Mont Saint-Michel, set on a rocky islet in Normandy.

Now, in a challenge planned for next summer, he

aims to do so with the help of a robot suit, called the Hybrid Assistive Limb (HAL), which works like an exoskeleton and amplifies the muscle power of its wearer's legs.

Battery-powered HAL -- designed to help the elderly with mobility and manual work and to assist hospital carers in lifting patients -- detects muscle impulses to anticipate and support the user's body movements.

A full-body model of HAL, being developed by Tsukuba University professor Yoshiyuki Sankai, assists both arms and legs, and allows users to carry a load of up to 70 kilograms (154 pounds) with one arm.

Uchida and a support team used an earlier version of the suit in an unsuccessful attempt to conquer the 4,164-metre (13,661-foot) Breithorn peak in Switzerland in 2006, when climbers wearing the robo-suits carried Uchida.

Uchida says he wants to visit the rocky tidal island of Mont Saint-Michel where a steep and narrow trail lead to an abbey and former fortress to "prove that it is possible for disabled people to visit the world's historic sites without relying on facilities like elevators," he said.

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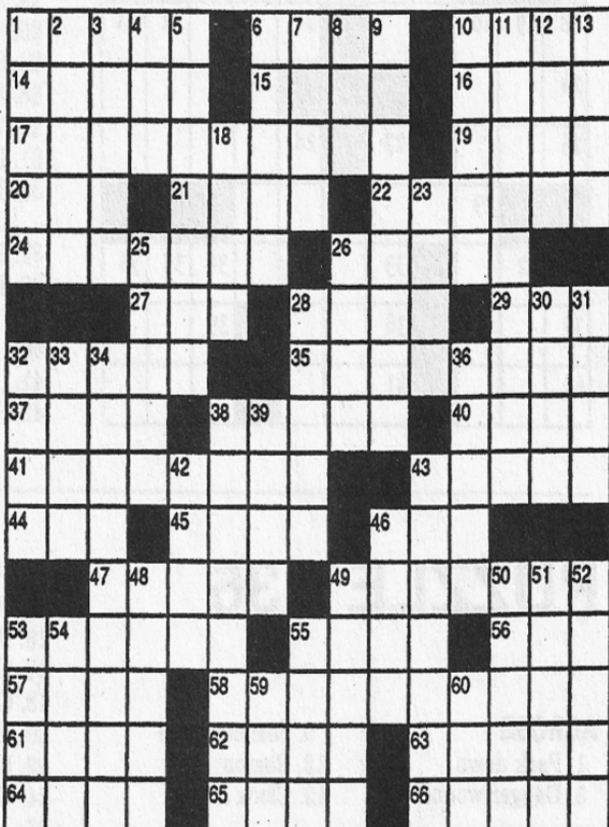
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ComScore: Android gains US smartphone market share

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Google's Android operating system gained US smartphone market share in the quarter which ended in July while BlackBerry maker Research In Motion, Apple and Microsoft lost ground, digital tracking firm comScore said.

Canada's RIM remained the leading smartphone platform in the United States with a 39.3 percent share of US smartphone subscribers, comScore said, but its share fell 1.8 percentage points from the previous quarter.

Apple, maker of the iPhone, saw its market share fall 1.3 percent to 23.8 percent in the quarter while Android's market share rose five percentage points to 17.0 percent.

Microsoft's Windows Mobile saw its share fall 2.2 percent to 11.8 percent, while that of Palm, which was acquired by Hewlett-Packard earlier this

year, held steady at 4.9 percent.

ComScore said that despite losing share to Android, an open-source platform which Google makes available to handset makers, most smartphone platforms are still gaining subscribers as the smartphone market overall continues to grow.

The Reston, Virginia-based company said 53.4 million people in the United States owned smartphones at the end of July, up 11 percent from the April period, and a total of 234 million Americans aged 13 and older use mobile devices.

ComScore said Samsung had a 23.1 percent share of US mobile subscribers at the end of July followed by LG with 21.2 percent, Motorola with 19.8 percent, RIM with 9.0 percent and Nokia with 7.8 percent.

Japan PM pledges decisive forex steps amid criticism

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) - Prime Minister Naoto Kan yesterday pledged further "decisive" steps in currency markets if needed, after Japan acted to tame the yen in a move that drew criticism from Europe and the United States.

"We are determined not to allow the drastic fluctuation of

the yen," Kan said, a day after Japan's first global currency market intervention since 2004 to help safeguard an export-driven recovery.

But that may provoke ire from Japan's Group of Seven partners after its unilateral move Wednesday was rounded on in Washington and Brussels.

Eurozone chief hits out at Japan, China forex moves

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker yesterday hit out at Japanese and Chinese action on currency markets, saying his eurozone partners "don't like unilateral intervention."

Juncker, who heads the Eurogroup of finance ministers who manage the shared currency, spoke out as Japan sought to stem the rise of the yen and as US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner bluntly warned China it had to let the yuan rise in value against the dollar to end trade distortions.

Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan yesterday pledged fresh "decisive" steps in currency markets if needed, 24 hours after a first global intervention since 2004 to help safeguard an export-driven recovery.

The euro firmed against the dollar yesterday following a successful Spanish bond issue

while the single currency rose to 112.11 yen from 111.51 and the dollar was stable at 85.74 yen.

Speaking after a European Union summit, Juncker said that the Japanese action was "not to be welcomed."

He added: "We do think that the yen in its relation to the euro is not overvalued but is still undervalued, and we don't like the way the Japanese authorities are dealing with that matter."

"It's clear that we don't like the behaviour of the Japanese."

"Interventions on the markets are only fruitful if they are organised in a truly committed way by the US and by the euro area and by Japan," Juncker underlined.

Amid rising anger in Washington over what some see as China's ongoing currency manipulation behind the scenes, US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner faces increasing

pressure to retaliate against Beijing.

Ahead of November elections shaped by voter anger at the sour economy, US lawmakers are weighing bills that would slap sanctions on Chinese goods, amid accusations that Beijing keeps its currency -- and thereby its exports -- artificially cheap.

"It is past time for China to move," Geithner said, adding that ending Chinese currency and other trade distortions were "core objectives."

Juncker stressed that all major currency actors "have to discuss more formally and with more insistence with our Chinese partners" all matters concerning exchange rates.

He said that while he had to "acknowledge" that the Chinese had adopted a "different stand" on monetary policy over the past few months, it was not "sufficient."

Senate passes small business aid, in victory for Obama

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Senate yesterday passed a bill providing billions of dollars in aid and tax benefits to small businesses, handing a victory to President Barack Obama in his bid to rekindle economic growth.

The bill, which had been held up for weeks by Republicans using procedural tactics, passed by a vote of 61 to 38.

Two Republican senators, George Voinovich and George LeMieux, joined the Democratic majority in voting for the bill, which most Republicans

argued was yet another government-sponsored bailout.

The measure would provide 30 billion dollars in loans for small businesses and another 12 billion in tax breaks including investment credits.

The president and Democrats argued that the measure could help spur up to 500,000 jobs.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the bill would help the economy by offering "tax relief and greater access to capital" for small businesses.

"This timely support for

small businesses, which is fully paid-for and won't add one dime to the deficit, should create hundreds of thousands of jobs," he said.

The House of Representatives, which adopted a similar measure in June, is expected to pass the Senate version of the bill to send to the president.

Obama this week welcomed the end of the stalemate on the bill, although he took a dig at Republicans, accusing them of staging a "months-long partisan blockade."

New CEO says GM repayment to US may take 'couple of years'

DETROIT, Michigan (AFP) - The new General Motors chief executive said yesterday it may take a "couple of years" to repay the US government's 50-billion-dollar investment that allowed the auto giant to emerge from bankruptcy.

Dan Akerson, the former Carlyle Group executive who became GM's CEO earlier this month, sidestepped questions about the upcoming GM share offering announced in August, which could be among the largest ever in the United States.

But he did say he would like to see the sale of stock now held by the US Treasury cover the cost of the 2009 bailout.

"I think it was a wonderful thing American taxpayers did for GM," Akerson told reporters over breakfast.

"I do want to repay them. I don't think it's going to be in one fell swoop. But I don't think any investor group has infinite patience," he said, indicating that he expected to repay the US Treasury over the next "couple of years."

The share offering will allow the Treasury to begin offloading the 61-percent stake it acquired in last year's unprecedented bailout of the Detroit-based carmaker.

GM also has to show consistent financial results, said Akerson, who will also become chairman on January 1,

when current chairman Ed Whitacre steps down.

"GM has to change in order to survive, and needs to 'become faster' as a company," he added.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Cigarette is killing more Arubans than illegal drugs, car accidents, alcohol, AIDS, homicide and suicide put together. Two of every three smokers who die, are aware of the consequences of smoking. The health of the majority of smokers is negatively affected during the most productive years of their life, causing sadness and loss of income for many families in our commu-

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"If they do not smoke, they don't need to stop smoking."



Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."



Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of

homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool



2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their

for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Back Then



Ladies modestly dressed shop at the wharf in Oranjestad



Elegant dining

"Where To Go For What" was a monthly newspaper-formatted publication directed to American tourists who needed to know about Aruba. It had a Bon Bini and Welcome To column about return visitors and celebrities; a front feature story about events, museums, sites to see and various other topics of interest.

It was full of tips on how to use the bus service, taxis by law must post their fares, that gasoline for rental cars is in liters: 3.76 to 1 gallon, lists of happy hours and hotel manager's cocktail parties (a thoroughly enjoyable freebie), driving tips (speed limits are in kilometers not MPH) road signage, such as do not enter based on the European system (much Dutch influence here).

Also featured was a short "Did You Know" column that explained the service charge on restaurant checks; another system not used in the U.S. "On The Clothesline" was, and even more so now, a valuable lesson about our traditions.

"Aruba is well known as a relaxed and casual vacation spot in the Caribbean. And although sleeveless t-shirts, which used to be called undershirts, may be 'in' in New Jer-

sey and flowered shorts 'big' in Boston, dinner restaurants and night spots do not accept that kind of casual.

After a day on the beach, 'getting dressed' for dinner is one of the pleasures of the evening, looking forward to fine dining in a variety of our many good restaurants that also offer international decor and that special Aruban atmosphere. It's really just good



manners to observe the custom of the island and dress appropriately. You'll enjoy it and we'll appreciate it"

This was followed later by: "The View From Here" "Beachwear is designed for beaches and not for in town shopping or restaurants. When in town, ladies are expected to wear proper attire. Extreme shorts and tops or bathing suits are not in keeping with Aruba's traditions and culture. Gentlemen should not appear shirt-

less or unbuttoned nor are bare feet acceptable."

After these appeared, a "Travel and Leisure" magazine in a special Caribbean edition, wrote about the dress code. "The Caribbean is not St. Tropez. The people who live there tend to be conservative and God-fearing. They dress modestly and polite behavior requires that visitors cover their bottoms and breasts when they leave the beach. Except for a few beaches on the French islands and parts of Jamaica, topless sunbathing is inappropriate. And no short shorts and bare midriffs in the markets, please."

This item is still enjoyable: "Curious Customs"

"Our research staff could not find a definitive answer as to how this custom originated or how it evolved. We were only able to establish that we all have had absolute proof that it works.

If you have a guest in your

home that has overstayed his or her welcome, take a broom (it has to be a broom with a straw head and a wooden handle; not the purple polyester version) and turn the broom upside down, handle down. Sprinkle salt on the straw top. Place the broom against a wall. In about 5 -10 minutes, you will be delighted to hear, 'Well, I guess it's time I left now.' Laughter is permitted, but it really works here in Aruba."

'Plus-size' models remain rare on the catwalks



Plus size models

LONDON, England (AFP) — So-called "plus-size" models are a growing presence on magazine covers, television and lingerie catalogues -- but at the Fashion Weeks of New York and London they are still the exception.

In a reflection of the expanding market for women who defy the super-slender ideals of the catwalk, leading fashion magazine Elle offered its readers a special issue in March featuring larger than normal models and sales jumped.

British designer Mark Fast introduced shows last year in which the models were all above a British size 12 -- an eight in American sizes -- following criticism that his dresses were too skinny.

And at New York's Spring-Summer 2011 Fashion Week this month there was a special show for plus-size women, billed as the first of its kind at a major fashion event.

But that event took place on the fringes of the major designers' shows, demonstrating that slimline is still the rule when it comes to haute couture despite the heated debate about underweight models.

"Every year I watch the shows and I hope to see it, you know, 'is she a size 12, is she that little bit bigger?' and so far every year I've been a little bit disappointed," said Sarah Travers, head booker at Hughes Models 12+, a specialist in plus-size models.

"For 20 years we've been promoting the plus-size model and the plus-size woman, but the average size of the UK woman is a 14-16 and we've always felt that the fashion industry has been very slow in picking that up."

Despite their trailblazing status in the fashion world, when it comes to bigger models New York and London are slightly out of step.

When Australian Cheryl Hughes founded the modelling agency a quarter of a century ago, she was a pioneering fi-



gure. Nowadays, "plus-size" agencies and their clients are starting to flourish.

"I've never been asked to lose weight... As soon as I lose weight, I lose work so I'm a size 14-16 and that's where the market is for me," said Laura Hughes, 25, a model who is represented by Hughes.

"We are getting more editorial work and more of that high fashion work, which is great, but it still needs to get a bit bigger and we need those high fashion brands catering for these beautiful curvy women."

The move towards more generously sized models has accelerated since the death from anorexia in 2006 of Brazilian model Ana Carolina Reston, which shocked the fashion world. Spain and Italy banned models below a certain body mass index after her death, while Britain stopped short, banning only those aged under 16 from the catwalk.

"Sixteen corresponds to a level of maturity," said Caroline Ruth of the British Fashion Council.

For Cheryl Hughes, however, it is between the ages of 16 and 20 that models are most at risk of succumbing to the pressures of the industry.

"It's partially the fault of the modelling industry picking girls of 15 or 16 at the door of schools. When the skinny child grows to woman size they have terrible things to come through. Lots of girls don't cope with it," she said.

Pollard powers Mumbai Indians to first win



Kieron Pollard of Mumbai Indians plays a one handed shot during the Airtel Champions League Twenty20 match between Mumbai Indians and Guyana

DURBAN (AFP) - Kieron Pollard's power hitting took the Mumbai Indians to their first win in the Champions League Twenty20 tournament when they Guyana by 31 runs at Kingsmead on Thursday.

The big West Indian hit nine sixes and one four as he smashed an unbeaten 72 off 30 balls as Mumbai posted 184 for four in their 20 overs.

Despite a fine innings by captain Ramnaresh Sarwan, who hit 46 off 38 balls, Guyana were restricted to 151 for six in reply.

The win gave Mumbai an outside chance of reaching the semi-finals, but they will have to gain a convincing victory over fellow Indian Premier League team Royal Challengers Bangalore in their final Group B match at

the same ground on Sunday.

Even they will have to rely on results from other games going in their favour.

"We can get better. Our bowling and fielding is still not our best," said Mumbai captain Sachin Tendulkar. But he looked forward to playing against Bangalore.

"It's going to be a terrific contest," he said.

It was Guyana's second heavy defeat in two matches.

Pollard was promoted to number three in the Mumbai batting order after Tendulkar (48) and Shikhar Dhawan (39) put on 82 for the first wicket, using up 10.5 overs.

Pollard started watchfully and with five overs to go Mumbai had scored a modest 99 for three.

But he went on a ferocious assault as the last five overs produced 85 runs, with the Kingsmead boundaries proving too short to contain him.

One massive hit travelled 128m according to tracking equipment used by the television production team at the ground.

Pollard launched his attack with two sixes in the 16th over bowled by Chris Barnwell then wrecked the figures of leg-spinner Devendra Bishoo, who took three for 18 in his first three overs but conceded 16 runs in his fourth and final over.

"He played brilliantly and took the game away from us," said Sarwan.

Flintoff retires from all cricket

LONDON (AFP) - Andrew Flintoff announced Thursday his retirement from all cricket in a statement released by the player's management company.

"It is with both disappointment and sadness that I am today (Thursday) announcing my retirement from all forms of cricket," former England captain Flintoff said in a statement released by International Sports Management.

"The decision to end my career came yesterday (Wednesday) after consulta-

tion with medical advisers," added the 32-year-old all-rounder, who quit the Test format after helping England regain the Ashes last year.

"I was told that the problems I have been trying to overcome in re-hab for the last year following the latest in a series of operations would not recover sufficiently to allow a comeback.

"Having been told that my body would no longer stand up to the rigours of cricket, I had no alternative but to retire.

Pato and Ambrosini out for up to three weeks

ROME (AFP) - AC Milan suffered a double blow on Thursday with the news that Brazilian forward Pato and captain Massimo Ambrosini will both be out for up to three weeks.

Both players limped out of Milan's 2-0 defeat of Auxerre on Wednesday and will miss at least the next three leagues matches as well as possibly their next Champions League engagement away to Ajax.

Pato suffered a thigh strain and will be out for two to three weeks while Ambrosini's problem is with his knee and will require three weeks' rest, according to the Milan website.

Their absences could mean an extended run in the team for new signings Robinho and Kevin-Prince Boateng who replaced the pair against Auxerre.

Boateng in particular was very impressive and set up the opening goal for Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

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Sting to open Poland's first Euro 2012 stadium



WARSAW (AFP) - British pop veteran Sting will next week open a stadium in Poznan, western Poland, the first of four due to host matches in the 2012 European football championships, city authorities said Thursday.

Monday's concert in the 43,000-seat venue will allow the authorities to gauge their ability to deal with the crowds set to flock to the city for matches, they said.

"For us, it will be the first test of how to deal with traffic in the city in a Euro 2012 setting," Poznan's deputy mayor, Tomasz Kayser, was quoted as saying by the Polish news agency PAP.

For the concert - and later the football - Poznan city hall will lay on free public transport, special car-parks, and a volunteer service to help vis-

itors.

The first high-level on the pitch test will come on November 17, when Poland's national team is scheduled to play Ivory Coast in a friendly game in Poznan.

The three remaining stadiums set to host matches are due to open one by one before the end of August next year.

They are located in the Baltic port of Gdansk, the capital Warsaw and the southwestern city of Wroclaw.

Poland's co-host for the championships - Europe's largest football showcase - is neighbouring Ukraine.

The four stadiums there are located in the capital Kiev, the western city of Lviv, Donetsk in the east, and Kharkiv in the northeast.

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Rockets to limit Yao's playing time - report

HOUSTON (AFP) - The NBA's Houston Rockets will limit Yao Ming to 24 minutes per game this season as they seek to keep the towering Chinese star healthy, the Houston Chronicle reported Friday.

Rockets vice president and athletic trainer Keith Jones told the newspaper that the plan had been put in place on the advice of Yao's doctor and would be strictly followed.

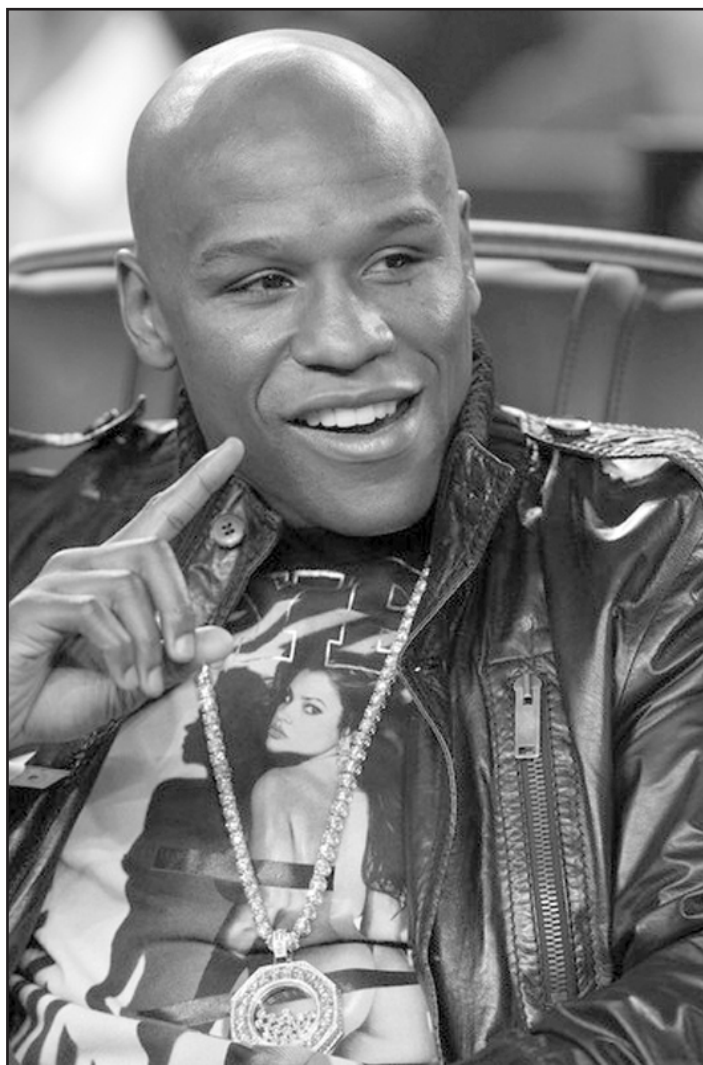
"Twenty-four is his number all year," Jones said, noting that the 24 minutes wasn't intended to be an average per

game. Therefore if Yao plays 22 minutes in one game that wouldn't make him available for 26 in the next contest.

The Chronicle reported that the plan has the backing of Houston general manager Daryl Morey and coach Rick Adelman.

That reduces the prospect of a management tussle over Yao's playing time such as the one in Chicago last season, when Bulls vice president John Paxson and former coach Vinny Del Negro came to blows over limiting Joakim Noah's playing time.

Mayweather faces new charges in domestic dispute



port, the couple's 10-year-old son told officers he saw Mayweather hit Harris.

Harris said that Mayweather told the children "he would beat their asses if they left the house or called the police."

If convicted of all the charges against him, Mayweather could face more than 30 years in jail.

Mayweather had already been charged with grand larceny over the alleged theft of a cellphone. He was arrested on that charge and released on bail on September 10, and is due to be arraigned in a Las Vegas court on November 9.

Mayweather was acquitted by a Nevada jury in July 2005 after being accused of hitting and kicking Harris during an quarrel outside a Las Vegas nightclub.

Harris recanted her allegations and testified that she lied to police because she was angry that Mayweather had left her for another woman.

Mayweather is unbeaten in 41 professional fights, his most recent victory coming over Shane Mosley in May.

However, negotiations for a proposed mega-fight between Mayweather and Filipino pound-for-pound king Manny Pacquiao have repeatedly run aground, and Mayweather provoked this month for a short video posted on the internet in which he denigrated Pacquiao.

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Fighter Floyd Mayweather jnr was facing new charges on Thursday linked to a domestic dispute in which he had already been charged with felony theft.

A complaint filed Thursday by Clark County prosecutors brought the charges against Mayweather to eight, all stemming from allegations that Mayweather hit a former girlfriend, with whom he has three children, while

they argued at the woman's home last week.

According to the complaint, Mayweather threatened to "beat" their children if they tried to call the police and took three cellphones.

Mayweather, 33, is accused of hitting Josie Harris in the early morning of September 9 in the Las Vegas house which Mayweather owns and where Harris lives.

According to the police re-



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Nadal wraps up end-of-year world top spot

PARIS (AFP) - Rafael Nadal will finish as the world's number one for the second time in three years, the ATP announced on Thursday, just three days after the Spaniard won the US Open to complete a ca-

reer Grand Slam.

The 24-year-old is the ninth player in the history of the world rankings to finish on top of the pile at least twice.

He and Roger Federer are the only players since

2000 to clinch the year-end No. 1 ranking in the week after the US Open. Federer did it in 2004 and 2006.

"It has been an incredible season - one of my best ever, if not the best," said Nadal.

"Winning the US Open together with Roland Garros and Wimbledon, as well as the three back-to-back Masters in Europe, was not easy. I worked very hard to get back to the top and it feels really good to know I will end the year as No.1."

On Monday, Nadal be-
Khan set for title defence against Maidana

LONDON (AFP) - Britain's WBA light-welterweight champion Amir Khan has said he will defend his WBA light-welterweight title against Argentina's Marcos Maidana on December 11.

The Bolton fighter, who is based in California, last fought in May when he defeated American Paulie Malignaggi in New York.

Maidana, his mandatory challenger, had been among a shortlist of possible opponents and is regarded as a particularly dangerous proposition having racked up a record of 29 wins and one de-

feat with 27 knockouts. Khan had said earlier that Maidana was pricing himself out of the fight but said on Twitter the deal had been done.

He is also the first player to win three straight Grand Slam titles in the same year since Rod Laver won all four in 1969.

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Khan had said earlier that Maidana was pricing himself out of the fight but said on Twitter the deal had been done.

"All the legality work for the next fight has been done," he said. "The fight has been signed by both parties."

The 2004 Olympic silver medalist said no venue has been confirmed yet, but Las Vegas seems almost certain to host the fight.

Khan had wanted to take the fight to England but apparently made the concession to get the contest signed.

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